

REMARKS

In regard to page 2 of the office action, the claims have been amended to overcome the examiner's rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 12-14 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kramer et al. (US 5,505,637) in view of Davis et al. (US 4,902,242). The examiner is requested to reconsider this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. Claim 1 claims that the front side does not comprise the die-cast first housing part. There is no disclosure or suggestion in the cited art of a cable connector comprising a housing having a die-cast base substantially extending between a front side and a rear side of the connector; a die-cast first housing part at the rear side mounted to the die-cast base; and a formed metal sheet second housing part at the front side mounted to the die-cast base, wherein the front side does not comprise the die-cast first housing part. The features of claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though the claims dependent upon claim 1 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 21 has been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. Claim 21 claims that the formed metal sheet housing part is configured to form a top side of the front side with the die-cast base forming a bottom side of the front side. The cited art of record does not disclose or suggest a formed metal sheet housing part for a cable connector, configured to be connected to a die-cast base substantially extending between a front side and a rear side of the cable connector and a die-cast housing part adapted to be mounted to the die-cast base to form the cable connector, wherein the formed metal sheet housing part is adapted to be mounted to the die-cast base and the die-cast housing part, and wherein the formed metal sheet housing part is configured to form a top side of the front side with the die-cast base forming a bottom side of the front side. The features of claim 21 are not disclosed or suggested in the art of record. Therefore, claim 21 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though the claims dependent upon claim 21 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 21. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claims 25-28 have been added above to claim the features recited therein.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is

respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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